

THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST,
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is the largest and most widely-circulated
journal in Her Majesty's Possessions on the
Pacific Coast.

Resident Subscribers may have the same list at
their residence at 25 cents per week, payable to the
Editor. The Committee is generally composed
of men of experience and capacity, and there is not the slightest excuse for their
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public, which their secrecy in matters connected
with the expedition would indicate.

JOB PRINTING.

THE BRITISH COLONIST PUBLISHING COMPANY having received a large
addition to their stock of new and beautiful
jobs, will execute orders to any extent
with great promptness, at a slight advance
on San Francisco prices.

THE EXPLORATION OF THE
ISLAND.

Every one knows how the traveller prizes
the oasis in the desert. Independent of the
joy at reaching a spot where the thirsty wayfarer
may refresh himself, there is something
in the contrast of the green vegetation with the
monotonous, arid, dusty plains that is gladdening to the eye. We find this desire for
the varied and the multiform—this craving
after even the antitheses—one of the strongest
attributes of our nature. When Shakespeare introduced his comicalities and wit-
isms over poor Ophelia's grave, he was con-
tributing to the demands of our feelings.
He knew that man's little world as well as
the greater material creation, must have its
lights as well as shades; and that comedy
was never in better place than in the middle
of the tragic. It formed a resting spot, in
fact, upon which the overstrained emotions
evoked by the mournful muse might repose.
Acting, no doubt, on this healthful principle
inculcated by the English bard, our Committee
of Exploration have come to the conclusion
that science, being a ponderous subject,
should be enlivened—that the dryness of the
pursuit of exploratory knowledge should be
relieved—and that a little interesting
comedy in connection with the heavy busi-
ness of the exploration should be devised.
The expedition starts with a flourish of
trumpets; the commander waves his forage
cap and disappears in the wilderness; and the
public await with "bated breath" and
deep anxiety the result. Bulletin's ar-
rive, but the philosopher's stone has not yet
been discovered. A "report" comes down
—a long and carefully prepared document—
and public expectation is on tip-toe. Rumors of gold-fields—\$3 to \$8 a day digging—
are circulated with a mysterious shake of
the head by some of the members of the
Committee. The report is at last printed,
and we find that on Cowichan river prospects
are obtained from a quarter of a cent to
three cents a pan. Well this was satisfac-
tory—extremely satisfactory—and the pub-
lic were beginning to have faith in the
result of the expedition. Another fortuitous
chance, but instead of some increased know-
ledge about the gold-fields—some tangible
result from the labors of the party—what
one day's work or two days' work
with certain implements would yield—we
have the indefatigable commander himself
rushing back to Victoria, arriving at the
dead hour of the night, big no doubt with
news that would equal in effect the "unfolded
tale" of Hamlet's father. Various sur-
mises were afloat. The exploration expedi-
tion had been annihilated by some of those
strange tribes in the interior that were said
to get along wonderfully well without knees
or elbows—or a "mountain of rubies" had
been discovered—or a Vancouver Island
Williams' Creek had been found—something,
at all events, of an alarming or amazing
character had occurred to bring the leader of
the expedition so suddenly and unexpectedly
to Victoria. Well, the inhabitants have
been disappointed. The affair—shall we
say it—was only a cruel joke. Dr. Browne
only returned to remind the Committee, and His Excellency what was stated
before the scientific gentleman started—
that anything of valuable character which
the explorers might discover, would be re-
served for the benefit of the colony. Some
coal indications have been found, it would
appear, that will be a "good thing" for some-
body—some copper has been discovered, some
agricultural land, some trees, some limestone,
and we dare say lots of "rock and swamp." There
is nothing extraordinary in all this; but
there is something peculiarly strange in the
manner which the committee adopts to carry
out its jokes. This assembly has got it into
its sage head that it is a secret body—that it
is an irresponsible body—and that it can
spend the public money just as it may think
proper, and allow the public to know just as
much about the exploration as it in its wisdom
may deem fit. We know that some of
its members have an idea that the voluntary
subscribers to the expedition should have the
monopoly of all the "good things" that may be
discovered. Of course, it matters little that
a large sum of money has been con-
tributed to the object from the general
revenue, and that another large sum
has been appropriated from the revenues of
the Crown—that in fact the voluntary sub-
scriptions only reach one-third of the amount
to be expended. We have to impress upon
the Committee, however, the necessity of
changing its course of action. The "reports"
from Dr. Browne, whether they be exciting
or dull, should be dealt with impartially. If
they are to be published, then they be for-
warded to the newspapers simultaneously—
If they are not—the information is of so
startling a character as to tend to upset the
minds of the outside public—it is to be retained
secretly and mysteriously within the bosoms
of the Committee, and let members who pos-
sess "good memories" be cautioned on the matter.
Of the breach of faith complained by the
Express in reference to the Chronicle's report,
we have not much to say. It is only in keep-
ing with the want of system which the Com-
mittee has evinced with respect to publishing
the reports. We do not accuse the editor of
the Chronicle of bad faith, nor do we object to
his praiseworthy exertions of Mr. Deane, of
the London Times, in discrediting himself, when
he feels like it, of his editorial incognito, and
giving us a little of his autobiography—how
met Mr. Browne, and what he wanted to
do with Mr. Browne; and how the proprietors
of the Chronicle were so magnanimous as to
allow him, Mr. Bell, to write exploration arti-
cles, and make the paper "a vehicle of public-
ity, free of expense." To all this, we say
we have not the slightest objection; nor
when the editor of the Chronicle supposes
that he was raised to the exceedingly high
honor of being a member of the Committee
on the above grounds, do we at all wish to
throw doubt upon the surmise—although the
subject of exploration is scarcely of recent
date in the journals of Victoria, and although
the Chairman of the Committee had solicited
other gentlemen of the press, who, it must be
confessed, had not done much to develop
Goldstream, to become members. We have

nothing to do nor has the public with these
personal matters; but we have to do with the
conduct of the Committee. So far, the
"reports" which we have published of
various exploring parties, have been much more
interesting and valuable than those from the
public one, and we do not therefore raise ob-
jections on newspaper grounds; but so long as
the people pay their money towards our ob-
ject, we maintain they have a right to know
how the affair is managed, and what are its
results. The Committee is generally com-
posed of men of experience and capacity,
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with the expedition would indicate.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Napoleon's Cabinet
—AND—

PETRESON'S DE ST. AUBIN :

FIRST SHIPMENT JUST RECEIVED OF
these highly prized, and most celebrated first-
class Champagne Wines; a small invoice of each
for Sale by

W. H. OLIVER.

CIDER! BANCROFT'S CIDER!
PURE APPLE ORCHARD CIDER direct
from the Cider press, and the only pure
apple Cider brought to the Pacific Coast;
autograph of W. S. Bancroft on every bottle,
in cases of one dozen.

For Sale in lots to suit by

W. H. OLIVER.

Johnson Street, opposite Wharf, Victoria.

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NOTICE

DURING THE ABSENCE OF THOMAS
PATRICK at San Francisco I hold his
Power of Attorney for conducting his business
at Victoria, V. I.

JAMES REID ROBERTSON,
Patrick's Store, Government St. JUL 18

For Sale or Lease.

LOT 127 STORE STREET, ADJOINING
Edgar & Ains' Warehouse, 60 feet front-
age on Store Street, 200 feet deep with water
privilege of 63 feet.

Apply to

C. JONES,
964 Johnson St., near Cook.

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NOTICE.

TREASURY, 15th July, 1864.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Hall
and the provisions of the City of Victoria
for the year 1864, one-half of one per cent of the
value of all Real Estate situated within the
incorporated limits of the City of Victoria is now
due and payable into the Treasury, or before
the 7th day of August, 1864.

ALEXANDER WATSON,
Treasurer.

Young Ladies' Academy,

DOUGLAS STREET.

Miss Faussette's Academy for Young
Ladies

WILL RE-OPEN ON

MONDAY, 25th Instant.

HAVING ENLARGED HER SCHOOL

ROOM and engaged the services of an
Assistant, Miss Faussette is prepared to receive an
increased number of pupils. It is her desire that
those, intending to join should do so at once in
order that classes may be now formed and the
studies commenced together for the ensuing term.

Miss Faussette, A. G. Faussette, and Miss
Faussette, are engaged in the School.

The course of Instruction comprised all the
branches of a thorough English Education, viz.
Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geog-
raphy, History, Algebra, Botany, Chemistry,
Philosophy, The French and Spanish Languages,
Singing in Class, Plain and Ornamental Needle-
work, also taught.

TERMS:

From \$3 to \$10 per month, according to age and
advancement. Extras: Music and Drawing.

N. B.—Miss Faussette will give Private In-
struction to a few adult Ladies in any of the above
branches either separately or in class.

Boys admitted under 8 years of age.

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Piano Wanted.

WANTED TO HIRE A COT-
TAGE PIANO.

Address "X. Y. Z."
Office of this paper.

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WILCOX'S HOTEL.

This New and Elegant Brick Building

—ON—

FORT STREET,

Corner of Wilcox Street,

Is Now Open.

THE PROPRIETOR BEING SO
desirous of the satisfaction of his
Customers, as to cater to their wants, feels that
it only necessary to make this announcement to
ensure a large patronage.

Wilcox is supplied with the best Wines and
Spirits.

Wilcox's Hotel, 964 Johnson St., Victoria.

A. F. MAIN,
Land Agent,

STOCK AND SHARE BROKER,

—AND—

ACCOUNTANT.

OFFICE ON GOVERNMENT STREET, Opposite

Broughton Street.

August 17th, 1863.

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Ex Royal Charlie

FOR SALE BY

FELLOWS & ROSCOE,

WHARF STREET.

Shot, all sizes; Tin and Terne Plates,
assorted; Lead Pipe; Block Tin and
Zinc; Twine; Pianos; Oilmen's Stores;
Dry Goods; Billiard Cloth; Pie
Looking Glasses, 60x48; &c. &c. &c.

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AT PRIVATE SALE,

JUST RECEIVED

EX "ROYAL CHARLIE,"

IN GOOD ORDER.

Gingham, Prints, Crapo Plaid, Circassian,
Delaines, Scotch Tweed, chequered and
diagonal—Alpacas, Coburgs and Lustres

—AND—

Three Cases—Containing Muslin Goods,
Millinery, and Haberdashery:

—BY—

P. M. Backus,

AUCTIONEER.

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EX "CHRYSLITE."

—OO—

Gilt Frame Pier Glasses

—OO—

Two of the above, 72x48
FOR SALE BY

HARVEY BROS.

JUL 18

OPENING
—OF THE—
GEM SALOON!

Corner of Government & Yates Sts.

The Undersigned respectfully inform their
Friends and the Public generally that the above
Saloon will be

OPENED THIS EVENING!

The BAR is Stocked with a Choice Selection of
the Best California and other Wines, Liquors and
Cigars.

All Friends are invited to be present.

A. W. SHULZE, Proprietors.

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Monday Morning, July 16, 1864.

COMMERCIAL.

Auction Sales This Day.

J. A. McCREA will sell this day at ELEVEN o'clock, at Saleroom, Wharf-street, Bacon, Hams, Butter, Lard, Boston Syrup, Soap, English and S. I. Sugar, and a variety of other goods. Also, 25 cases Bone Kamp Bitters. Also, 4 Cottage Pianos. Also, Doors, assorted sizes.

FROM THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.—The steamer *Albemarle*, master, arrived at Albemarle, from Honolulu, on Saturday, in 20 days. She made the round trip 45 days—a remarkably quick run.

FROM ALBERNI.—The steamer *Thames* arrived on Saturday evening from Albemarle, with 26 passengers, 10,000 feet lumber, and a new boiler for herself.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer *Enterprise* arrived on Saturday afternoon from New Westminster, with 25 passengers, and \$15,000 in treasure.

FOR THE SOUND.—The steamer *Enterprise* left on Saturday evening for Niquilay, to take a cargo of sheep to Langley, for the H. B. Co.

FROM CHEMINUS.—The slop *Franklin* arrived yesterday from Cheminus, via Cowichan, with 4 passengers, and a small quantity of butter.

LOADING AT ALBERNI.—Clutha Belle, *Hellen-* port, La Ville de Toulouse.

VICTORIA MARKET.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, July 16.

The flour and grain market remains the same as at last report, and without any great prospect of alteration the supply and demand being equal and regular.

Exports to American ports have been active for the past month. The shipments for the month of June amounted to \$43,915.92; of which San Francisco took \$38,702.57; Astoria, \$1609.99; and Port Angeles, \$3,662.66.

The steamer *John L. Stephens* sailed on Friday with 720 tons coal, and miscellaneous merchandise consisting chiefly of furs, dry goods, groceries, hardware, ale, etc., valued at \$8,690.37.

The cargo of English goods pro-Royal Charlie, is opening out better than was at first anticipated, and the damage, it is now hoped, will be unimportant.

FLOUR—Extra, \$11 @ 21 50 p. lb.; super, \$10 @ 20 50 p. lb.; 2nd, \$9 @ 19 50 p. lb.

OATMEAL—\$10 50 @ 8 50 p. lb.

CORNMEAL—\$7 do.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—\$8 do.

DEER MEAL—\$4 do.

MIDDLEMEAL—\$4 do.

GROUND FEED—\$4 do.

WHEAT—\$4 do.

OATS—\$4 do.

BARLEY—\$4 do.

HAY—24c @ 25c p. lb. pale.

RICE—5c @ 6c p. lb. sack.

CANOLA—25c @ 28c p. lb.

TEA—28c @ 30c do.

COFFEE—25c @ 28c p. lb. sack.

SUGAR—75c @ 14c do. p. lb. or mat.

FRUIT BUTTER—\$14 @ 50c p. lb. case.

EGG DOZENS—45c do. first-class.

SHOULDERS AND HAMS—\$2c @ 20c do. p. lb.

BEST AMERICAN—20c @ 25c do, in moderate quantities.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED.

July 16—Sloop Northern Light, Mountford, Port Angeles.

Sgt. Captain Queen, Turner, Sooke.

Sgt. Matilda, Boyle, Sooke.

Sgt. J. C. Caswell, Fletcher, Port Angeles.

Sgt. Native, Smith, Comox.

Sgt. Sweepstakes, Sooke.

Sgt. Gullane, Sooke.

July 16—Sloop Ocean Queen, Turner, Sooke.

Sgt. C. J. Cawell, Fletcher, Port Angeles.

Sgt. Domitilla, Spencer, Honolulu.

Sgt. Gullane, Sooke.

BIRTHS.

At Nanaimo, on Tuesday, July 12th, the wife of the Rev. J. B. Good, of a daughter.

At New Westminster, on the 13th inst., the wife of W. J. Armstrong, Esq., of a son.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The steamer *Enterprise* arrived from New Westminster on Saturday, at 4 p. m., bringing 25 passengers and \$15,000, per Dietz & Nelson's express, also a small Cariboo letter express.

We are without our usual special! Cariboo correspondence, and news from the mines, received from travellers, is devoid of particular interest. The weather has been remarkably fine, and as a usual consequence sickness prevails to some extent.

A way-side correspondent writes as follows:—Times are very dull here, so far as travel is concerned, very few going up, and what is better, very few going down. I don't think Cariboo is gone in yet. The country in this vicinity (Bridge Creek), is looking well, not dried up like it was a month ago; we had plenty of rain during the last week so, but it is almost too late to do much good to the crops; not more than one-third of the barley on the ranches round here will come to anything, and on the river trail it is far worse.

The cattle dealer, John Jeffries, has been over here from Oregon with a drove of cattle; he gives a splendid account of the Kootenay mines, where he says there are plenty good diggings for the poor man; he says this is the fast time it will come to this part of the country.

Bridge Creek has changed ownership twice since last winter; it now belongs to Lauder and Dr. H. W. Webster.

W. H. Wright has bought three of G. H. Wright's seven-joke ox teams for \$2,500 each.

Freights from Lillico are 8 to 10 cents per pound; from Lytton, 9 to 10 cents; Yale to Steamboat landing, 16 to 19 cents.

FURTHER FROM GOLDSTREAM.—Some doubts having been expressed regarding the reported strike of a vein of rich gold quartz in the Kennedy claim on Goldstream, Mr. Shepherd, manager of the Bank of British North America, Mr. P. M. Backus and others accompanied Mr. Elliott on Saturday to Goldstream, with a view of making further investigation. The quartz was put in and the fragments of the fragments were washed in their presence, revealing the unmistakable presence of gold, in some cases as large as a pin's head. The confirmation of the good news by the above-named gentlemen we should think ought to be sufficient to quiet the doubts of the most sceptical. It now only remains to be seen whether this rich quartz exists in sufficient quantities to make the prosecution of the work a profitable affair or otherwise.

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It is evidently meant to be a rallying cry. What is its intent?

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